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Edenton Stores To Close Thursdays At 1 O'clock

Drainage Project In Edenton Beneficial

Malaria Cases Negligible Compared to Last Year

FEW MOSQUITOES

Gardens Take Place of Marshy Breeding Places

Modern methods carried on by Edenton's department of works during the past winter and spring in collaboration with the local ERA to combat the annoying malarial situation which has been such an annual worry for over 300 years, have already proved effective. A simple statement of facts is specially evident. This time last year malaria cases in Edenton were counted by the hundreds as against a number so small this June as to be hardly worthy of record.

On its three land sides the town has been ditched and into these ditches have drained the slime and muck water that help to make up the swamps and sinkholes all about which made such delightful breeding places for mosquitoes. The thought the town has had in mind was to make dry land out of these mudholes and thereby restore the ground for small agricultural purposes and thus serve notice on the mosquitoes to go root, hog or dies elsewhere.

To date mosquitoes apparently have been doing that very thing for where it did not use to be uncommon to scoop up mosquito larva by the handfuls the ditching done has necessitated exploring parties to find this larva anywhere about. But ease your mind. No miracle has occurred. It is quite likely somebody may get a mosquito stingaree stuck in him as usual this year but it is a perfectly safe thing to say mosquitoes won't be brushed off in 1935.

And where mosquitoes are inactive then is malaria somewhere else. Which means, drive out the mosquitoes and you've driven out malaria, and Mayor Spiers and his civic cohorts believe this very thing has been done. If so, of course, the Mayor bought the wrong sort of hat the other day—he should have had a halo and every man, woman and child in Edenton will see that he and all the others responsible for the possible elimination of this curse get their halos and harps, too, if the summer finishes as unmalarial as it has begun.

It would well pay everybody to take a trip about the town outskirts on all sides. Short lateral ditches connecting with deeper main drainage canals can be seen everywhere, some of them, mostly all at the present moment, being but four or five foot deep drainways, while others are to be piped and covered over when they run through closely settled residential neighborhoods.

LeEnfant when he laid out the city of Washington, D. C., a couple of hundred years ago, never had a better architectural idea in mind than did those handling the anti-mosquito-anti-malarial ditching here. For instance ditches on the east side of the town run along that way, connecting with south bound ditches from the north, while up from the west run ditches crossing and criss-crossing each other and finally merging into one main ditch which runs all surplus water and muck into a nameless waterway over by Brown's lumber yard.

However, the purpose of all this is to say there were mud-flats and swamps across the railroad and north of the cotton mill section. Look 'em over. You'll see potatoes and cotton and corn and cabbages growing there today, and these things don't grow in mud swamps. Also, mosquitoes haven't much use for potato, cotton, corn or cabbage fields. They want muck and Edenton is just exactly out of the muck game at the present time, at least this kind of muck though John Bunyan, if here, might say there had been a particularization as to muck.

Someone broke in at this point to say the doctors and druggists weren't very happy over the changed conditions. Just a mean old cynic said that. Edenton's doctors and druggists are an unselfish bunch. Our own thought is they would rather see Edenton chronicled to the world as a haven of health rather than be writing notices of malarial cases.

Children Warned Not To Bathe At Colerain

Although there has been no cases of infantile paralysis reported in Colerain or vicinity, Dr. Credle has advised that all children under 16 years of age keep away from Colerain beach as a precautionary measure due to the infantile paralysis epidemic in certain sections of the State.

Red Men Elect New Officers At Meeting

Officers for the next six months, starting with July, were elected Monday night at the regular meeting of Chowan Tribe, No. 12, I. O. R. M. A number of candidates were placed in nomination for some of the offices and in a number of instances several ballots were necessary to decide the winner.

The successful candidates were as follows: sachem, N. J. Goodwin; senior sagamore, W. E. Baker; junior sagamore, A. L. Sexton; prophet, Josiah Elliott. An auditing committee, consisting of O. H. Brown, G. E. Cullipher and W. E. Baker, was also appointed to audit the books before the new officers are installed. The new officers will be installed next Monday night with O. H. Brown, deputy great sachem, officiating.

Mr. Goodwin, the new sachem, will select his appointive officers during the week and these will be installed with the elective officers.

The Tribe also voted to adopt and support the resolutions of the great inchoonee regarding the deportation of aliens who refuse to be naturalized after living in the United States for a period of three years.

Tomato Packing Plant Starts Work Today

Operations at the Neuse Packing Company in the old cotton oil mill will be resumed today when the packing and canning of tomatoes will get under way. Right much acreage is planted in tomatoes in this territory and contracts with farmers assure a huge output. In connection with the furnishing of tomatoes, the concern will send inspectors to the fields and instruct growers as to the sort of tomatoes to pick and send to the plant.

The tomatoes will be graded and the more perfect of the crop will be wrapped and shipped to the markets. The less uniform will be canned.

Any farmer desiring to sell tomatoes should get in touch with H. B. Jones, who is connected with the firm.

Officers Named For Legion Post Tuesday

A very important meeting of Ed Bond Post will be held on Tuesday night when new officers will be elected to serve for the post. These new officers will be installed in October but are named in July in order that they may have the opportunity of attending the State meeting which will be held this year at Statesville in August.

A large attendance is urged by post officials inasmuch as there will apparently be keen competition for the post of commander.

Among those who have been suggested as commander timber are L. S. Byrum, Joe Conger, Lloyd Griffin, John Holmes, Ernest Jackson, Cam Byrum, Geddes Potter, W. S. Privott, C. D. Stewart, Jesse White and Roy Leary.

W. W. Byrum has been the commander of the post for the past year, and while the membership has not been as large as desired, the post has been very active.

Odd Fellows Concert Class At Hobbsville

The concert class from the Odd Fellows Orphan Home at Goldsboro, will render a program at Hobbsville Friday night, June 28th, featuring choruses, quartets and musical numbers. The program this year is reported as exceptionally good and a large crowd is expected to turn out. The proceeds will be donated to the work of the orphanage.

TOWN OFFICIALS APPLY FOR LOAN TO BUILD A 150,000 GALLON TANK

Extra Water Storage Needed Since Old Tank Is Worn Out

NO EXTRA TAX

New Tank Will Meet Requirements For Long Time

Additional water storage facilities for Edenton seem pretty well assured now according to an announcement Tuesday by Mayor E. W. Spiers. Application papers calling for a \$25,000 government loan for the erection of a new 150,000 gallon storage tank on West Freemason Street, have been signed and will be passed for consideration by the proper federal authorities.

The application stipulates that 55 per cent of the cost will be viewed as a loan and so guaranteed, the loan to be paid from the earnings of the Electric and Water Department and in no sense attributed to an extra tax levy.

The proposed new tank is absolutely necessary. The town's little tank, erected some 25 or 30 years ago and which did heroic service until the second and present 250,000 gallon tank was put up, has badly rusted, leaks and has been generally condemned, in fact is not used and hasn't been for several months.

The proposed placement of the new tank on West Freemason Street has been thought desirable because of the proximity it would have to the new wells thereabouts, and would equalize the pressure in the northern section of the town.

Mr. Spiers said Tuesday that the additional tank, supplying, with the present large one, a double storage of 400,000 gallons, would meet the water requirements of the city for the next 30 or 40 years.

Yeopim Union Meets In Edenton Church

The Yeopim Union meeting will be held in the Edenton Baptist Church Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29, when an interesting program has been arranged. Each person attending is requested to bring his or her own lunch, there being sessions held both morning and afternoon each day.

Following is the complete program:

Friday Morning
11:00—Introductory Sermon, Elder D. S. Dempsey; Elder J. T. Byrum, alternate.

Friday Afternoon
1:30—Devotional Service, Elder Alphonzo Jordan.
1:45—Miscellaneous Matters
2:00—What Can and Ought to Be Done About the Unsaved in Our Churches? Elders W. T. C. Briggs and O. J. Murphy.
2:45—How Can Wholesome Discipline Be Maintained in the Churches? Bro. C. R. Holmes and Elder E. L. Wells.

Saturday Morning
10:00—Devotional Service, Elder B. A. Mitchell.
10:15—How Can We Make the Sunday School More Helpful to the Churches? Elders J. T. Byrum and T. L. Brown.

11:00—Sermon, Elder O. J. Murphy.

Saturday Afternoon
1:30—Devotional Service, Brother Floyd I. White.
1:45—Miscellaneous Matters.
2:00—Can a Christian Consistently Advocate and Vote for the Manufacture, Sale and Beverage Use of Intoxicating Liquors? Elder D. S. Dempsey and Bro. W. J. Berryman.

2:45—Has Our Lord Given Any Non-essential Commands, or Any That Do Not Mean Just What They Say? Elders B. A. Mitchell and W. F. Cale.

Local Musicians Sail For Europe July 29

Ambrose Griffin and Jack Pruden and members of their orchestra will leave Thursday night for New York City, from where they will sail at midnight June 29th aboard the Hamburg-American Line S. S. Europa for Europe. The orchestra has been engaged to furnish music on the boat during the summer.

EDENTON NEWS OFFICE GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE WHEN SOLD LAST WEEK

Equipment Sold Jointly To Williamston Enterprise and Herald

UPS AND DOWNS

Several Attempts Made To Publish a Daily Paper Failed

The equipment of the Edenton Daily News, property of the Edenton News Publishing Co., Inc., has been sold and practically all removed from the office which is situated at the corner of Broad and Water Streets. The transaction took place Saturday morning when H. Fred Evers of New York sold the place, lock, stock and barrel jointly to the Williamston Enterprise and The Chowan Herald. Both newspapers plan to use the majority of the equipment in their respective offices.

The newspaper was owned principally by the late Mrs. Mary C. Rumsey, of New York, whose estate is now in the process of liquidation.

The closing of the local plant marks the end of a series of attempts to publish a daily newspaper in Edenton with each subsequent attempt proving more disastrous. The daily publication was started in 1921 when the Chamber of Commerce subscribed enough stock to buy the plant from Jack Wells, who at that time published a weekly newspaper in Elizabeth City and operated a job printing department. The equipment was moved to Edenton and the daily started with R. G. Shackell acting as editor. The paper for a number of years under Mr. Shackell was able to pay expenses, but made very little profit, and subsequently came under Mr. Shackell's control.

Clark Kinnaird, backed by Mrs. Rumsey, bought the establishment, which was then also publishing The Hertford News, a weekly paper. During Mr. Kinnaird's editorship weekly publications were printed for Hertford, Windsor, Aulander, Columbia, and Plymouth. Mr. Kinnaird operated the plant at a loss for something over a year and when he secured a lucrative position in New York the plant was sold to Joseph Peele, of Elizabeth City. Mr. Peele moved into the E. C. White building and made many improvements in the mechanical department and for a time it appeared that the paper was on a paying basis. This condition was short-lived, however, and after a little over a year, Mr. Peele was forced to give up, the place reverting to the holding publishing company. J. Edwin Buffap was then placed in charge of the concern with John D. Langston, Jr., acting as editor. Due to the accumulation of many debts and diminishing advertising revenue as the result of the slump in business, this arrangement continued only about a year, when the paper was discontinued by the owners.

After being closed about a week the equipment was leased to John Sikes, who published the paper as a daily for some time, later turning it into a weekly. After several months as a weekly it was turned into a tabloid daily and in turn had decreased in size to a 6x9 sheet, finally being discontinued altogether a few months ago. It was during Mr. Sikes' lease of the plant that it was moved from the White building to its former location where it was started and where it went out of existence.

Rotary Club Calls Off Meeting On July 4th

The Edenton Rotary Club held its regular luncheon today in the Parish House when the program was in charge of the boys' work committee, of which D. M. Warren is chairman. The meeting for next Thursday, July 4, will be called off, due to many members of the Club being out of town for the holiday. At the meeting of the Club on July 11, Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., the newly elected president, will replace Chas. H. Wood, who has been Rotary's president the past year.

The local Rotary Club, while small in members, occupies a creditable place in the monthly standing of the clubs in the State, and Dr. Hart plans to increase interest and activity in the local club.

Effective Through July and August

Canning Factory May Locate Here

There is a possibility of another canning industry locating in Edenton, according to correspondence from Sherwood, Md., to Jule Elliott. M. G. Jarboe, representing the Sherwood Canning Company, has been in Edenton in the interest of his company, which operates plants in Easton, Chapel, Cordova and Sudlersville, Md., and has written Mr. Elliott in quest of information as to the amount of herring roe that could be secured and other information.

Lightning Plays Havoc With Telephone Lines

The greatest amount of damage by electricity ever experienced by the local telephone company resulted from the electrical storm last week when about 50 telephones were put out of commission. As a result of the lightning there were five holes in the King Street cable, two in the two in the North Broad Street cable and one in the Water Street cable. The cable crew of Elizabeth City was pressed into service and worked like Trojans through Thursday, Friday and Saturday in clearing up the trouble.

During the same storm lightning struck in the John G. Wood home at Hayes, being attracted by the telephone, which was grounded, from the electric light fixtures. It was believed that had it not been for the ground wire on the telephone, the home in all probability would have caught fire.

Fire Monday Night At Home Of M. S. Elliott

The Edenton Fire Department was called out about 7:30 o'clock Monday night when a fire was reported at the home of M. S. Elliott on West Queen Street. Upon arrival at the scene the firemen were able to smell smoke but it was some time before its exact location could be found. It was discovered to be in a clothes closet on the first floor, the cause being attributed to spontaneous combustion.

Aside from burning a few clothes, no damage was done, according to Fire Chief R. K. Hall.

E. R. Roberts Dies At Gatesville Wednesday

E. R. Roberts, 68, prominent citizen of Gatesville, and well-known in this section, died about 4:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, following a heart attack Monday morning. Mr. Roberts also suffered an attack Sunday, but was unable to withstand the latter attack.

The deceased is survived by his widow and three children, Dr. Watsen Roberts, of Durham, Miss Susie Roberts, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Fred P. Wood, of Edenton.

CCC Enrollment At Local ERA Office

The local ERA office announces an enrollment for C C Camps during the remainder of June and July which is for both white and colored boys between the ages of 18 and 28. These applicants, however, must be from families who were placed on relief rolls since January 1, 1935.

The local office is very anxious to receive preliminary applications and will gladly render any information desired regarding the camp. Two Edenton boys left last week for camp duty and it is hoped many more will take advantage of this opportunity.

Engagement Marie Spruill Announced

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Spruill, of North Edenton, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Marie Joyce Spruill, to Mr. Asa J. Manning, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manning, of Williamston, N. C.

The wedding will take place in the near future.

Clerks Appreciate Action Taken By Their Employers

37 SIGN PETITION

Customers Urged to Do Their Shopping In Morning

Although there is no baseball to be enjoyed in Edenton this summer, practically all of the merchants in the city will close at 1:00 o'clock during July and August, thus enabling clerks and the merchants themselves to enjoy a half holiday during the hot weather.

Agitation for the Thursday closing has been under way for several weeks, but no definite steps were taken until the first of this week when a petition was circulated to close at 1:00 o'clock Thursdays and 37 business men signed to cooperate in the closing idea.

Clerks, especially, will welcome the decision made by the merchants, and in token of their appreciation have among themselves contributed to a paid advertisement in The Herald this week announcing the half holiday.

It is not the purpose of the various merchants to create an inconvenience for their customers, and they are confident arrangements will be made by their customers to do their buying in the morning.

Those merchants who have signed the petition to close are: Liles 5-10-25c Store, Rose's 5-10-25c Store, The Community Store, Goodwin's Quality Store, S. G. Anderson & Sons, W. I. Cozzens, E. L. White, S. C. Mills, Preston's, J. H. Holmes Co., W. D. Holmes, L. F. Ziegler & Son, Badham Bros. Co., Pender's, A. & P. Store, S. Hobowsky, Floors Electric and Plumbing Co., The Chowan Herald, G. M. Byrum, J. C. Dail, W. J. Harris, Habit Bros., C. E. Byrum, Broad Street Fish Market, Oglesby Bros., D. M. Reeves, J. E. Lassiter, Anne's Beauty Salon, Quinn Furniture Co., Mae Jackson, Beautician, E. J. Ward Barber Shop, Campen's Jewelry Store, Julian Ward's Shoe Shop, Town of Edenton office, P. A. Reeves Barber Shop, Edenton Feed & Fuel Co., Brown Bros.

Funeral Held Sunday For Mrs. B. B. Cobb

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Margaret Cobb, 68 years of age, who died about 10 o'clock Saturday night at her home in North Edenton following a lingering illness. Mrs. Cobb was the widow of the late B. B. Cobb, who died several years ago.

The services were held in the Edenton Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells, officiating. Interment took place in Beaver Hill Cemetery. The deceased is survived by two brothers and two sisters, as follows: S. E. Morris, of Edenton; Robert Morris, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Miss Annie Morris, of the Cowpen Neck section of Chowan County.

The pallbearers were: John G. Small, Claude Small, S. R. Cobb, Clyde Cobb, Eugene Cobb, and Willie Morris.

Birthday Dinner Party Held For Mrs. Muth

A birthday dinner party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Muth on West Eden Street Sunday in honor of Mrs. Muth's 72nd birthday, which was on Friday last. Both Mr. and Mrs. Muth were happy over the event having their children present for the occasion. Mrs. Muth received many appropriate presents.

The children who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Muth and sons, of Newport News, Va., Frank Muth, Jake Muth, Nick Muth, Misses Margaret and Tillie Muth.

SMALL CROWD ATTEND DANCE MONDAY NIGHT

As large a crowd as was expected failed to attend the dance in the Edenton Armory Monday night which was held for the benefit of the Cupola House Museum. The music by Amos Griffin and Jack Pruden and their orchestra was splendid and those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed the affair.